Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Figures 4a and 4b are perspective views of the socket of Figure 2 before and after, respectively, accepting a fastener; ~~and~~

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Figures 5a and 5b are plan views of the socket of Figure 2 before and after, respectively, accepting a ~~fastener.~~fastener;

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0023]:

[0023.1] Figure 6 is a plan view of the socket of Fig. 5b showing a ring secured to the socket; and

[0023.2] Figures 7a-7c are sectional views of the ring of Fig. 6, showing a rectangular profile, a chamfered rectangular profile and a chamfered circular profile respectively.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] The notches 57, 61 receive a retainer. Figure 3 shows one embodiment of the retainer, a split ring 63. The split ring 63 is preferably made from bent wire. A variety of socket sizes (e.g. ¼ "-1 ¼ ") of the present invention could use 0.040"diameter wire, although larger diameters could also be used. Although shown as a circular cross-section in figures 3-5b, the split ring 63 could have other cross-sectional shapes as illustrated in figures 7a-7c, such as triangular, rectangular or square (with or without chamfered edges). In fact, the use of such alternate shapes allows the present invention to use larger

diameter wire for the retainer 63. The larger wire diameter allows the present invention to operate on larger sockets that can accept larger fasteners.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Extending around a substantial portion of the circumference of the socket 50, retention of the split ring 63 to the socket 50 is generally ensured. If necessary, however, the split ring 63 could secure to the socket 50 in any known fashion. For example and as illustrated in figure 6, the medial section 65 of the split ring 63 could be welded to the socket 50 using MIG or TIG welding.